

Senate Study Bill 1079 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SCHULTZ)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to licensure requirements for professional land
2 surveyors, and including effective date and applicability
3 provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 542B.14, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. As a professional land surveyor:

4 (1) ~~{a}~~ Graduation from a college course of two years or
5 more ~~in, which shall include mathematics, physical sciences,~~
6 ~~mapping and surveying, or engineering in a school or college~~
7 basic science courses, and ~~six years of~~ practical experience,
8 all of which, in the opinion of the board, will properly
9 prepare the applicant for the examination in fundamental land
10 surveying subjects.

11 ~~{b} However, prior to July 1, 1988, in lieu of compliance~~
12 ~~with subparagraph division (a), the board may accept eight~~
13 ~~years' practical experience which, in the opinion of the board,~~
14 ~~is of satisfactory character to properly prepare the applicant~~
15 ~~for the examination in fundamental land surveying subjects.~~

16 (2) Successfully passing an examination in fundamental land
17 surveying subjects which is designed to show the knowledge of
18 general land surveying principles.

19 (3) In addition to any other requirement, a specific record
20 of four years or more of practical experience in land surveying
21 work which is of a character satisfactory to the board.

22 (4) Successfully passing ~~an examination~~ examinations
23 designed to determine the proficiency and qualifications to
24 engage in the practice of land surveying. ~~No applicant shall~~
25 ~~be entitled to take this examination until the applicant shows~~
26 ~~the necessary practical experience in land surveying work.~~

27 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on July 1,
28 2023.

29 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to applications for
30 a license as a professional land surveyor submitted on or after
31 the effective date of this Act.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill relates to licensure requirements for professional

1 land surveyors.

2 The bill provides that a professional land surveyor shall
3 have graduated from a college program of two years or more,
4 consisting of mathematics and science courses, as well as
5 practical experience. Current law provides that a professional
6 land surveyor shall have graduated from a two-year program
7 from a school or college with classes in mathematics, physical
8 sciences, mapping and surveying, or engineering, plus six years
9 of practical experience.

10 The bill strikes a provision in Code section 542B.14,
11 for a land surveyor seeking licensure prior to July 1, 1988,
12 to substitute eight years of practical experience in lieu
13 of graduation from the required program. The bill provides
14 that one of the licensure requirements relating to successful
15 passage of an examination designed to determine proficiency
16 and qualifications for licensure is expanded to refer to
17 examinations. The bill strikes language requiring an applicant
18 to demonstrate necessary practical experience in land surveying
19 work prior to taking a land surveying examination.

20 The bill takes effect on July 1, 2023. The bill applies
21 to applications for a license as a professional land surveyor
22 submitted on or after July 1, 2023.